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25 March 1954

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** John J. Bagnall, FDD

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Thomas Fina, DRW/OIR/State

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**SUBJECT:**

Proposal for an Index to an Italian  
Daily Newspaper

1. The Italian section of DRW/OIR/State requested that CIA consider a project for the preparation of a weekly index of a daily Italian newspaper. This office requested comments on the project from FDD, OCD, OCI and ONE.

2. OCI and ONE indicated that the proposed index would be useful to their researchers, particularly at this time because of recent critical political developments in Italy.

3. OCD and FDD expressed doubt that the results of the proposed index would be worth the required effort and expenditure. Both offices indicated a willingness to explore the matter further, however.

4. Subsequent to the above, the proponent of the index project indicated that an important detail of the proposal had been omitted in the original presentation, namely, that only selected portions of a newspaper need be indexed. A memorandum describing this detail is attached.

5. It is requested that you attend an informal meeting to discuss this project further, to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 March 1954, in Room 1122 M Building.

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Coordinator  
External Research/OIC

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